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SUBJ: APPARENT LOW-LEVEL HARASSMENT CONTINUES

1. IN AFTERMATH OF JULY 2 TELEPHONE HARASSMENT OF USINT ATTACHE ANNA MARIA BUSTAMANTE (SEE HAVANA 1872), A NUMBER OF OTHER EPISODES HAVE TAKEN PLACE WHICH LEAD US TO SUSPECT THAT USINT IS BEING SUBJECTED TO LOW-LEVEL HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN. IN ONE INCIDENT, CUBAN INVOLVED BROUGHT UP DIFFICULTIES IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS FLOWING FROM SHARANSKIY TRIALS. USINT WONDERS WHETHER EASTERN EUROPEAN POSTS HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCE DURING LAST WEEK. LIST OF INCIDENTS FOLLOW:

--JULY 2 - INCESSANT TELEPHONE HARASSMENT OF ATTACHE BUSTAMANTE. USINT COMPLAINED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (MINREX).
--JULY 9-INCESSANT TELEPHONE HARASSMENT OF ATTACHE BUSTAMANTE REPEATED. USINT AGAIN COMPLAINED TO MINREX.
--JULY 10 - AMERICAN EXPATRIATE RICHARD CARTER (AN ADMITTED FORMER COLLABORATOR OF CUBAN INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES) LEFT DOCUMENTS FOR CONSUL, AMONG WHICH WAS COPY OF WRITTEN REPORT (PRESUMABLY BY CARTER TO CUBANS) OF CARTER'S DEALINGS WITH CONSULAR OFFICERS TENDING TO SUGGEST THAT THEY ARE INTELLIGENCE AGENTS.

--JULY 12 - CUBAN GUILLERMO RODOLFO OLIVA GIL, A FORMER LOCAL EMPLOYEE OF SOMALI AND ETHIOPIAN EMBASSIES HERE, APPROACHED CONFIDENTIAL.

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USINT OFFICER GALSSMAN AND RAISED POLITICAL ASYLUM QUESTION. OLIVA GIL ALSO ASKED FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPROPRIATE LATIN AMERICAN EMBASSIES TO ENTER. GLASSMAN DECLINED TO GIVE ANY SUCH ENCOURAGEMENT OR RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. WHILE NONE OF THESE EPISODES ARE VICIOUS NOR (WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF TELEPHONE INCIDENTS) CAN THEY BE DEF-

INITELY TIED TO CUBAN AUTHORITIES, THEIR CONCENTRATION IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME LEADS US TO SUSPECT THAT THEY ARE PART OF OFFICIAL, ALBEIT LOW-LEVEL, HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN. OLIVA GIL VOLUNTEERED TO GLASSMAN DURING HIS VISIT THAT US-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE BECOME COMPLICATED DUE TO US ATTITUDE TOWARD SHARANSKIY TRIALS. WHEN GLASSMAN REPLIED THAT CUBA SHOULD AVOID MISING ITSELF UP IN THIS MATTER. OLIVA AGREED THAT THIS WAS CORRECT BUT THAT CUBAN-SOVIET TIES ARE SO CLOSE THAT SUCH MATTERS CANNOT FAIL TO AFFECT CUBA. WHILE OLIVA'S REMARKS CONCEIVABLY WERE COINCIDENTAL, USINT WONDERS WHETHER EASTERN EUROPEAN POSTS HAVE NNOTED UPSURGE OF HARASSMENT IN PERIOD SURROUNDING SHARANSKIY TRIALS. LANE

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